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SENATE BILL

No. 2013

**Introduced by Committee on Health and Human Services
(Senators Escutia (Chair), Figueroa, Hughes, Polanco,
Solis, and Vasconcellos)**

February 25, 2000

An act to add Section 18901.8 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to food stamps.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2013, as amended, Committee on Health and Human Services. Food Stamp Program: application form.

Existing law provides for the Food Stamp Program, under which each county distributes food stamps allocated to this state by the federal government to eligible households.

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services, in conjunction with affected stakeholder groups, and subject to federal approval, to develop and implement a simplified shortened Food Stamp Program application form *for nonassistance food stamp cases. It would require the form to be evaluated for use in specified multiprogram applications.*

The bill would prohibit the department from requiring any county to implement use of the simplified form until a statewide automated welfare system prescribed by law has been programmed to automate the form and the intake process.

The bill would require the department by July 1, 2001, to complete the simplified form and report to the Legislature regarding its progress in implementing the form.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18901.8 is added to the Welfare
2 and Institutions Code, to read:
3 18901.8. ~~To the extent feasible and permissible under~~
4 *(a) To the extent permitted by federal law, and with*
5 receipt of necessary federal approvals, the State
6 Department of Social Services, in conjunction with
7 affected stakeholder groups, shall develop and
8 implement, *if otherwise feasible*, a simplified and shorter
9 ~~enrollment form for the Food Stamp Program. This~~
10 ~~section shall apply both to the enrollment form used in~~
11 ~~Food Stamp Program-only cases and to the Food Stamp~~
12 ~~Program portion of the combined Food Stamp, Medi-Cal,~~
13 ~~and CalWORKs form application form for nonassistance~~
14 *food stamp cases. The contents of this simpler form shall*
15 *be evaluated for use in multiprogram application forms*
16 *for the food stamp, Medi-Cal, and CalWORKs programs.*
17 The department shall seek any federal approvals
18 necessary for implementation of the form.
19 *(b) The department shall not require any county to*
20 *implement use of the form described in subdivision (a)*
21 *until the statewide automated welfare system described*
22 *in Section 10823 has been programmed to automate the*
23 *new form and intake process.*
24 *(c) The department shall, by July 1, 2001, complete the*
25 *simplified form required by subdivision (a) and report to*
26 *the Legislature regarding its progress in implementing*
27 *the form.*

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